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SUBJECT: GON DELEGATION TO SEEK FINANCING FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS

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1. MINAG SENGELMANN CALLED ON CHARGE AND ECON OFF DEC. 1 TO DISCUSS MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM (REFTTEL). DURING CONVERSATION, SENGELMANN MENTIONED THAT HE HEADING NICARAGUAN DELEGATION WHICH IS FLYING WASHINGTON, SUNDAY, DEC. 5. DELEGATION AIMS TO PUT TOGETHER AID PACKAGE TO FINANCE NICARAGUAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. SENGELMANN SAID THAT DELEGATION HOPES TO CONTACT AID, IDB, AND IBRD OFFICIALS. AMBASSADOR SEVILLA SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS.

2. RE AID, SENGELMANN INDICATED HE WISHED TO DISCUSS INVIERNO II PROGRAM AND PARTICIPATION IN CRIES PROJECT TO SURVEY NICARAGUA'S CROPS AND SOIL USEAGE. HE HOPES TO MEET WITH DEPUTY AID ADMINIS-TRATOR JOHN MURPHY,WHOM HE KNOW PERSONALLY.

3. SENGELMANN WAS NOT SPECIFIC ABOUT PROJECTS HE HOPED TO DISCUSS WITH IDB AND IBRD OFFICIALS. HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT NICARAGUANS
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WOULD MAKE MAIN EFFORT WITH IBRD WHOSE CURRENT LEVEL OF LOAN ACTI-

VITY IN NICARAGUA WAS, HE FELT, RATHER LOW.

4. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, IBRD-IDA POST-EARTHQUAKE RELIEF AMOUNTED TO \$20 MILLION. ONLY SIGNIFICANT IBRD LOANS TO NICARAGUA SINCE THEN HAVE BEEN 1973 LOAN OF \$8.5 MILLION TO CENTRAL BANK'S SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (FED) FOR AGRICULTURE PROJECTS AND JUNE 1976 LOAN OF \$11 MILLION FOR EDUCATION. ALTHOUGH GON OFFICIALS HAVE NOT GIVEN US SPECIFICS OF ANY LARGE, PENDING LOAN REQUESTS TO IBRD, WE CONSIDER IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SENGELMANN'S DELEGATION MAY SEEK SUCH FINANCING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW LANDS IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AND ZELAYA DEPARTMENT. LANDS IN QUESTION NOW CONTROLLED BY NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE (IAN), SEMI-AUTONOMOUS AGENCY RESPONSIBLE TO MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE. SUCH DEVELOPMENT WOULD FIT IN WITH INTEGRATION OF EAST COAST INTO NATIONAL ECONOMY.

5. MINISTER'S TRIP TO US WILL BE CUT SHORT OWING TO NEED RETURN MANAGUA EVENING DECEMBER 8 FOR MEETING NEXT DAY WITH CENTRAL AMERICAN MINISTERS AGRICULTURE AND REGIONAL PEST CONTROL OFFICIALS (OIRSA) RE SERIOUS COFFEE RUST PROBLEM (MANAGA 5520). PRESIDENT SOMOZA HAS MADE HIS PERSONAL PLANE AVAILABLE FOR SENGELMANN'S PARTY WHICH INCLUDES DR. ROBERTO INCER BARQUERO, PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL BANK; DR. JAIME FERNANDEZ, HEAD OF MINAG PLANNING OFFICE; DR. RUBEN GARCIA, VICE MINISTER OF FINANCE; LIC. RICARDO PARRALES, HEAD OF NATIONAL PLANNING OFFICE; AND DR. MARIO ALONSO, HEAD OF FED. RUBENSTEIN

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